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In re the Application of:)
WATANABE et al) Art Unit: 2874
Serial No.: 09/868,766) Examiner: Valencia
Filed: June 21, 2001)
For: OPTICAL FIBER ATTENUATOR WITH)
ATTENUATING DOPANT LIMITED TO)
A CENTRAL OR PERIPHERAL AREA)
OF THE FIBER CORE)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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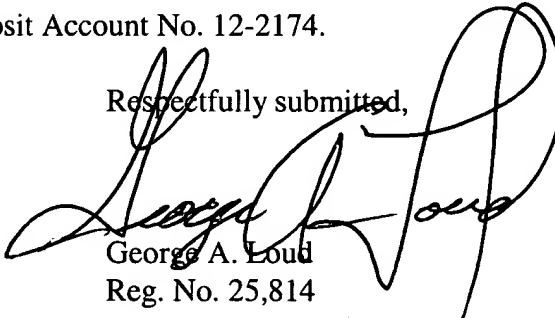
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It is respectfully requested that the time period for filing a response to the office action of March 12, 2003, initially set to expire June 12, 2003, be extended one month up to and including July 12, 2003. The requisite \$110.00 fee for the requested extension is herewith attached.

Any additional fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-2174.

Respectfully submitted,


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